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REPLY AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

In response to the Office Action dated July 26, 2007, the Applicants submit the following Amendments and Remarks. Entry of the amended claims respectfully is requested.

If extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a), and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-1283.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.